**Amendments to the Claims**:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**:

1.-24. (Cancel)

25. (New) A user interface for a communication system in a motor vehicle which, in a restricted operating mode, restricts a functionality of a radio interface for wireless connection to a radio communication network, said interface including a device for activating a waiting function for an incoming call in a restricted operating mode, which informs the caller of at least one of the cause and expected duration of the operation with restricted functionality.

26. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 25, further comprising a device for determining an expected duration of the restricted operating mode.

27. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 25, wherein the waiting function arranges an indication of the restricted operating mode in dependence on at least one of the expected duration of the restricted operating mode and the person who is calling.

28. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 27, wherein the indication comprises at least one of a voice output for outputting information and a sound output for bridging the waiting time.

29. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 27, wherein the indication comprises at least one output pause with an adjustable duration.

30. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 29, wherein the at least one output pause can be inserted at least one of before or after the information output and before or after the sound output.

31. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 27, further including at least two time ranges provided for arranging the indication, one of said at least two ranges is selected in dependence on the expected duration determined for the restricted operating mode, wherein the time range containing the value of the expected duration is selected.

32. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 31, wherein for each time range, at least two indication variants are provided, and one of said variants is selected by means of a random number generator.

33. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 31, wherein the sound output comprises at least a part of a known musical item, wherein a time position within the musical item with which the sound output begins, calculated to the end of the musical item, corresponds to the required duration for the sound output for bridging the waiting time.

34. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 31, wherein the sound output comprises at least one of discrete sound events and changeable sound events.

35. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 34, wherein the changeable sound events are achieved by varying a basic pattern by changing at least one of the instrumentation and the pitch and the register and the volume and the dynamic range and the speed and the rhythm and the tone sequence and the melody.

36. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 35, wherein an acoustic echo sounding signal or a metronome signal is used as basic pattern.

37. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 34, wherein the sound events are changed in proportion to the decreasing waiting time.

38. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 37, wherein possible callers are divided into different categories, the different categories in each case comprising separate personal voice outputs of the user.

39. (New) The user interface as claimed in claim 38, wherein the different categories comprise at least one of a private domain and a business domain and a neutral domain.

40. (New) A communication system for a motor vehicle with a radio interface for wireless connection to a radio communication network and for setting up a corresponding communication link, including a user interface according to claim 25.

41. (New) An operating method for a communication system in a motor vehicle, the functionality of which is restricted in dependence on predetermined conditions in operation, said method comprising:

activating, in the operation with restricted functionality, a waiting function with an incoming call

determining the expected duration of the restricted mode; and

informing the caller about at least one of the cause and the expected duration of the operation with restricted functionality.

42. (New) The operating method as claimed in claim 41, wherein an indication of the restricted operating mode is arranged in dependence on at least

one of the expected duration of the restricted operating mode and the person calling.

43. (New) The operating method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the indication is output to the caller as at least one of voice output for information output and sound output for bridging the waiting time.

44. (New) The operating method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the indication comprises at least one output pause with adjustable duration.

45. (New) The operating method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the at least one output pause is inserted at least one of before or after the information output and before or after the sound output.

46. (New) The operating method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the sound output comprises at least one of discrete sound events and changeable sound events.

47. (New) The operating method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the changeable sound events are achieved by variation of a basic pattern by changing at least one of the instrumentation and the pitch and the register and the volume and the dynamic range and the speed and the rhythm and the tone sequence and the melody.

48. (New) The operating method as claimed in claim 46, wherein the sound events are changed in proportion to a decreasing waiting time.